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I, Peter J. Welch, a resident of 4689 E. Talmadge Drive, San Diego, California declare as follows:

- I am an inventor on the present application, together with Robert Bennett, Kenneth E.
 Franke, Kenneth Frimpong, Steven Harwood, and Knut Madden.
- 2. The invention claimed in the above identified Patent Application was conceived and reduced to practice prior to October 31, 2001, the publication date of the cited reference, Loftus et al.
- 3. Attached as Exhibit A are notebook records relating to the conception and reduction to practice of the invention. Notebook 4, pages 37-39, dated August 16 and August 17, 2001, describe the construction of the pLenti6/V5-DEST vector shown in Figure 36A of the above referenced application. The vector was constructed by ligation of an Eco RV Dest cassette into pRRL6V53stops followed by transformation into DB 3.1 cells. A similar reaction is described in the Notebook page dated October 3, 2001.
- 4. I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of

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the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application and any patent issuing thereon.

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